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Don Johnson
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California Environmental Protection Agency
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is in response to Lassen's CUPA evaluation of September 20, 2006. The evaluation was conducted by Kareem Taylor. Our response is in the format displayed on page 4 of the evaluation.

1. Deficiency: The CUPA did not report information for the UST program element on their Annual Summary Reports (Reports 2 through 4) for FY 04/05.
1. Corrective Action: The Lassen County CUPA program will include in our Annual Summary Reports (2 through 4) program element information obtained from our PA on all future reports.
2. Deficiency: The CUPA has not fully implemented the Single Fee System. Currently, the Agriculture Commissioner, the PA for Lassen County CUPA, bills and collects CUPA fees from UST facilities.
2. Corrective Action: The Lassen County CUPA will fully implement the Single Fee System on or before June 1, 2007. It shall include all UP fees, including fees from UST facilities. The CUPA will then remit the surcharge portion of the CUPA fees collected to the state on a quarterly basis.

3. Deficiency: The CUPA does not have an area plan. This deficiency was identified during the October 2004 evaluation. A CUPA staff member is currently working on an area plan. A draft copy was presented during the evaluation. The CUPA expects the area plan to be completed by September 2007.
3. Corrective Action: By September 1, 2007 or before, the CUPA shall submit a completed area plan to Jack Harrah of OES.
4. Deficiency: The CUPA is not documenting that facilities that have received a notice to comply citing minor violations have returned to compliance within 30 days of notification. In the facility files reviewed no recorded certification of return to compliance was found for facilities cited for minor violations.
4. Corrective Action: The CUPA will immediately begin documenting certification of return to compliance for facilities cited for minor violations.

Hopefully we have adequately addressed corrections to all existing deficiencies. Additionally, please be aware that we want to be known as a County with a positive attitude towards compliance and being a team player with the California EPA.

We appreciate the evaluation that was done and the professional effort that was expended on our behalf. Furthermore, please be aware that the Lassen County CUPA wants to function with a zero tolerance towards deficiencies. We wish to thank you for your help and assistance. We look forward to a friendly and productive relationship that will foster an environment and a populous free of problems due to chemical contamination.

Sincerely,



Doug Ames, Director
Environmental Health

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